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SUBJ: KIM TAE CHUNG'S PHYSICAL CONDITION

REF: SEOUL 7780 AND PREVIOUS

1. KIM TAE CHUNG'S SECRETARY HAN HWA GAHP REPORTS THAT MRS. KIM SAW HER HUSBAND ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND CONSIDERS HIS CONDITION IMPROVED OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS. MRS. KIM CLAIMS THAT KIM WAS SUFFERING FROM A COLD, THAT HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY RESUMED TAKING MEALS BUT THAT HE WAS STILL ABLE TO EAT ONLY SOUP AND FRUIT JUICES.

2. MRS. KIM REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S CONDITION AND BELIEVES THAT IF HE MUST SPEND ANOTHER WINTER IN JAIL, HIS HEALTH WILL DETERIORATE DANGEROUSLY. THEREFORE, MRS. KIM SUBMITTED A PETITION TO THE COURT ON SEPTEMBER 28 FOR KIM'S RELEASE FROM PRISON FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TRIAL.

3. MRS. KIM NOTED THAT PRISON DOCTORS WERE TREATING KIM FOR "COLD", BUT THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR KIM TO RECEIVE PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OTHER TREATMENT FOR SCIATICA IN JAIL. THIS CONTINUALLY UNDERMINES KIM'S CONDITION IN MRS. KIM'S VIEW.

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